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Free Entrance to Everglades National Park for “Vintage Day” this Saturday

HOMESTEAD, Florida: The 4th annual Vintage Day celebration will be held in Everglades National Park this Saturday March 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to interact with the characters that helped create Everglades National Park—one of the most biologically and culturally diverse parks in the world.

The theme for the day is, “Leaving a Legacy on the Land,” and costumed interpreters will represent Gladesmen, plume hunters, early park wardens, botanists, gator hunters, conservationists, and political activists. There will also be special tours, debates, and presentations by local authors and historians. Visitors will also be inspired to consider what their legacy might be. There will also be guided walks led by costumed interpreters of the old Royal Palm State Park, through a hammock, as well as a tour of the Nike Missile Base.

Park admission at the Homestead entrance will be waived for the day and all activities are free of charge for the whole family. (Fees will not be waived at the Shark Valley entrance station.)

Directions:

Visitors coming from the Miami area and points north should take the Florida Turnpike (Route 821) south until it ends merging with U.S. 1 at Florida City. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Palm Drive (State Road 9336/SW 344th St.) and follow the signs to the park. Visitors driving north from the Florida Keys should turn left on Palm Drive in Florida City and follow the signs to the park. For extra fun, park guests can also leave their cars at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center and ride a trolley to Royal Palm.

WHAT: Free Entrance to Everglades National Park for 4th Annual “Vintage Day” (Homestead entrance only) (<http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/everglades-vintage-day.htm>).

WHEN: Saturday, March 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Everglades National Park, main Homestead entrance, Royal Palm area

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